

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAR 15 2010



**HAMRE, SCHUMANN,
MUELLER & LARSON, P.C.**

AN INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW FIRM

FAX TRANSMISSION March 15, 2010

TO: Mail Stop: AMENDMENT
Examiner: Vani Gupta
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FROM: Douglas P. Mueller

OUR REF: 10873.1936USWO

TELEPHONE: (612) 455.3800

Total pages, including cover letter: 8

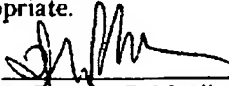
PTO FAX NUMBER: 571.273.8300

If all pages are NOT received, please call us at 612.455.3800 or fax us at 612.455.3801.

Title of Document: **Amendment and Response (7 pages)**

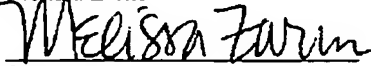
Applicant: HIRAYAMA ET AL.
Serial No.: 10/598198
App. Filed: August 21, 2006
Group Art No.: 3768

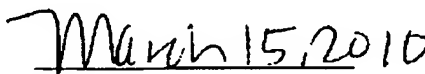
Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478. Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate.

By: 
Name: Douglas P. Mueller
Reg. No.: 30,300

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Melissa Zarns


Signature


Date

225 SOUTH SIXTH STREET, SUITE 2650 • MINNEAPOLIS • MN 55402
TEL 612.455.3800 FAX 612.455.3801
WWW.HSMLC.COM • MAIL@HSMLC.COM